

August 6, 1999

Mr. Lester A. Snow, Executive Director CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Extension of Public Comment Period—Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Snow:

The Orland Unit Water Users Association is a private, non-profit corporation consisting of approximately 1,300 shareholders. We operate and maintain the Orland Project, which provides irrigation water for over 20,000 acres and is one of the oldest of the water projects in the United States.

This Association has strived to stay involved in the CALFED process. We were actively involved in the development of the ERPP as it applied to Stony and Thomes Creeks in Northern California. We wish to continue to be involved in this process, especially in providing comments on the Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS.

In wishing to remain involved, we are currently reviewing this 1,400-page plus document. In doing so, we find that to diligently examine this contentious publication and adequately provide comment by September 23rd will be difficult, if not impossible to accomplish. We therefore request this deadline be extended so that our comments can be of record.

We hope you will consider and honor this request.

Respectfully,

Albert Wackerman, Secretary

Cc: Senator Maurice Johannessen